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SUBJECT: BECHTEL BID ON FEASIBILITY STUDY ON GAS-RELATED
PROJECTS

REF: KABUL A-95 OF 10/12/77

1. ON 3/30 ALAN DAX OF BECHTEL FINANCE SERVICES INCORPORATED TELEPHONED DESK OFFICER AND REQUESTED GENERAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION ABOUT AFGHANISTAN. DAX SAID BECHTEL HAS BEEN INVITED BY GOA TO BID ON PERFORMING FEASIBILITY STUDY ON GAS RELATED PROJECTS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN. STUDY WOULD ANALYSE AT THREE ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF GETTING ENERGY FROM GAS FIELDS TO KABUL;

-- PIPELINE
-- LNG
-- POWER GENERATOR IN GAS FIELD AREA AND GRID.

2. DAX SAID COST OF FEASIBILITY STUDY WOULD PROBABLY BE AROUND \$100,000. DAX BELIEVES WHICHEVER COMPANY WINS BID
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FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL PROBABLY BE LEADING CONTENDER TO DO FINAL PROJECT. HE ESTIMATED VALUE OF FINAL PROJECT WOULD BE \$300-400 MILLION.

3. DAX SAID BID MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 20. HE BELIEVES TWO OTHER COMPANIES HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO MAKE BIDS, W.S. ATKINS OF BRITAIN AND POGRETTI OF ITALY.

4. DESK OFFICER HAS MAILED DAX COPY OF UNCLASSIFIED
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